

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

1           3. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [either one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [and 2] wherein said gelling agent is alginate, carboxymethyl-  
3 cellulose, collagen, a polysaccharide, agar, a polyethylene oxide, a glycol  
4 methacrylate, gelatin, a gum, or salts or derivatives of any of these, or mixtures  
5 thereof.

1           5. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 4], wherein said gelling agent has a molecular weight of from  
3 10,000 to 200,000 kDa.

1           6. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 5], wherein said precipitant is a salt of calcium, zinc, cooper,  
3 silver or aluminium; borates; glyoxal; or amino-formaldehyde pre-condensates.

1           7. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 6] further containing a foaming agent.

1           9. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 8] wherein the gelling agent comprises an alginate gel, a  
3 carageenan gel or a carboxymethylcellulose gel and wherein the precipitant is a  
4 calcium salt.

1           10. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 8] wherein the gelling agent comprises carboxymethylcellulose gel  
3 and wherein the precipitant is an aluminium salt.

1               11. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any one of]  
2 Claim[s] 1 [to 10] further comprising an organic acid in an amount of 0.5 g to  
3 5.0 g per 100 g gelling agent.

1               15. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12  
2 [to 14] wherein said gelling agent is alginate, carboxymethylcellulose, collagen,  
3 a polysaccharide, agar, a polyethylene oxide, a glycol methacrylate, gelatin, a  
4 gum, or salts or derivatives of any of these, or mixtures thereof.

1               17. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12  
2 [to 16], wherein said gelling agent has a molecular weight of from 10,000 to  
3 200,000 kDa.

1               18. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12  
2 [to 17], wherein said precipitant is a salt of calcium, zinc, copper, silver or  
3 aluminium; borates; glyoxal; or amino-formaldehyde pre-condensates.

1               19. (Amended) A foam as claimed in [any one of] Claim[s] 12  
2 [to 18] further containing a foaming agent.

1               21. (Amended) A process of sterilising a foam for medical or  
2 veterinary use, said process comprising:

3               a)      foaming a formulation of Claim[s] 1 [to 11] and allowing  
4 said foamed formulation to cure;

5               b)      treating said foam with precipitant;

- 6                   c)     optionally, washing said treated foam;
- 7                   d)     drying said treated [form] foam; and
- 8                   e)     sterilising said dried foam by exposure to  $\gamma$ - irradiation or
- 9     ethylene oxide.

1                   23. (Amended) The process of [either one of] Claim[s] 21 [and  
2     22] wherein the treated foam is oven dried at temperatures below 100°C.

1                   24. (Amended) The process of [any one of] Claim[s] 21 [to 23]  
2     wherein the foam is immersed in a bath of calcium chloride or calcium citrate  
3     solution as precipitant.